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Roxbury, March 3, 1866.

My dear Fanny:

Home again, safe and sound. It seems, nevertheless, as if I could step into your house, or go from there to the Capitol, as easily as I can go from Rockledge to the Norfolk House. Knowing where and how you are situated, the distance between us will hereafter seem greatly abridged. In imagination, I shall on taking my meals seem to be at the table with you and Harry, and Mr. and Mrs. Lauder, and to be served by Sarah in the most attentive way. Franky will write you to-morrow, and doubtless give you the particulars of our journey home. We met uncle Henry in New York, and we all returned together on Thursday.

My lecture in the Academy of Music, on Tuesday evening, drew out a large audience, and the closing part of it

about President Johnson excited a great sensation, and elicited immense applause, mingled with some copperhead hisses. What I said was quite impromptu, but I am more and more convinced that Pres. Johnson will attempt a coup d'etat against Congress by the time summer is upon us. He will do it "constitutionally," and to "preserve the Union," and to put down Northern "conspirators"! The elements of violence are gathering for the onslaught. Tell Harry his 15,000 loyal men in Washington will all be wanted!

I found your mother looking fair and fresh, and waiting to hear all about her children at W. There is nothing new to write about; and as the mail closes in a few minutes, I am obliged to close abruptly.

With parental love to you and Harry, and kindest regards to Mr. and Mrs. Lander, I remain,

Your fond father, W. L. G.

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